

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
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SHAW HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER:

AA 469

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:

Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

Annapolis Municipal Building

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

City Ballroom/Assembly Rooms

PRESENT USE: Office

ORIGINAL USE: Office

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

1767-68 UK/1867 Dixon & Davis/1974 A. Love

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

1767-68 Edward MAW/1867 Wells & Gardiner

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent (X)

Good ( )

Fair ( )

Poor: ( )

THEME:

STYLE: Italianate (Georgian obscured)

DATE BUILT:

1767-68; 1867; 1974

COUNTY: Anne Arundel

TOWN: Annapolis

LOCATION: 156 Duke of Gloucester

COMMON NAME: City Hall

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Office Map 32 Par 631

OWNER: City of Annapolis Mayor &  
ADDRESS: Aldermen

Annapolis, MD 21401

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes (X) No ( ) Restricted ( )

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local (X) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick (X) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
2. Wall Structure
  - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
  - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (X) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard ( ) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( )  
Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( )  
Brick Veneer (X) Stone Veneer ( ) Asbestos Shingle ( )  
Bonding Pattern: English, Flemish, Common Other:
4. Roof Structure
  - A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal (X)  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches ( ) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( ) Ells ( )  
Wings ( ) Other:

Roof Style: Gable ( ) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( )  
Other: Cross Gable

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 5 x 3

Approximate Dimensions: 70 x 70

Entrance Location: Centered

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (X) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )  
Development ( ) Deterioration ( )  
Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive ( ) Negative ( )  
Mixed ( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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Cross gable, resulting in a pedimented center section, all with excellent bracketed cornice; bays defined by shallow pilasters; windows with excellent molded hoods and wood architraves, repeated at transom lit entrance; door is later; recently restored.

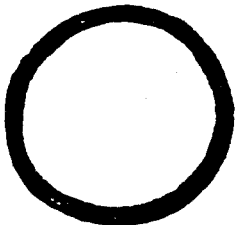
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Good example of Italianate Victorian, significant as a type and important to the streetscape.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane( )Woodland( )Scattered Buildings( )  
Moderately Built Up( )Densely-Built Up(☒)  
Residential( )Commercial( )  
Agricultural( )Industrial( )  
Roadside Strip Development( )  
Other:

RECORDED BY:

Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION:

Historic Annapolis, Inc

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Form 10-445  
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1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland COUNTY TOWN VICINITY STREET NO. Duke of Gloucester Street  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE assembly rooms PRESENT OWNER City of Annapolis PRESENT USE municipal buildings WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES two	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
	2. NAME Assembly Rooms  DATE OR PERIOD c. 1774 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION	OPEN TO PUBLIC yes
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The Municipal Building of the City of Annapolis is historically important as the old Assembly Rooms where Washington was entertained in 1783. Though three of the original walls remain, the building is an architectural mélange, the only notable feature being the Victorian facade and fine drip moldings.



5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE

good



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

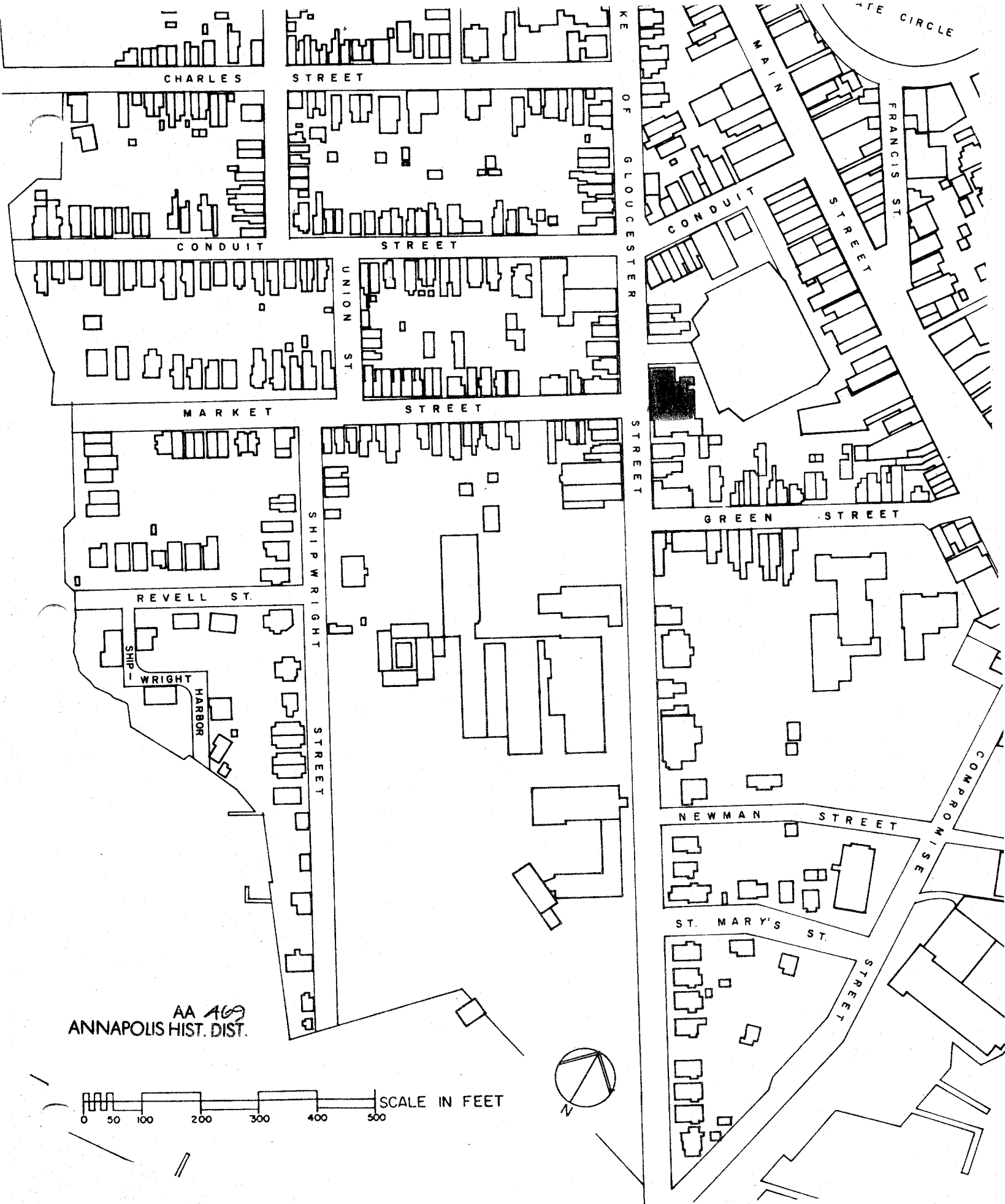
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